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1. WE ARE SENDING BY REGISTERED AIR POUCH COPIES OF MATERIAL MADE AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT ON JANUARY 16 BY SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON WHICH RELATES TO HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN YOUR COUNTRY. SENATOR CRANSTON HAD EARLIER ; SUPPLIED A LIST OF 57 COUNTRIES WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS "DICTATORSHIPS AND AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES." LIST ALSO AIR POUCHED.

2. THE SENATOR HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE STATUS OF POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN 10 OF THE 57 COUNTRIES "PRELIMINARY" TO EVALUATING THAT STATUS IN ALL 57.

3. IN ORDER TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, YOU SHOULD, IN MAKING APPRAISAL REQUESTED IN REF A, WEIGH CAREFULLY AND COMMENT SPECIFICALLY ON MATERIAL REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 ABOVE AND ALL ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS IT DESCRIBES. AS THE SENATOR HAS INDICATED, THE INFORMATION IS DRAWN PRIMARILY FROM CERTAIN PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS AND FROM MATERIAL AVAILABLE AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AS WELL AS THE UN AND OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS. INGERSOLL

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